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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were trending five cents lower in the Midwest, two cents lower in the East, and one cent lower in the West when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was weak in all areas. Retail and distributive demand was slow to instances moderate, but slightly better into fast food channels. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to ample and frequently discounted to aid in movement. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, trading was mostly light to no better than fair entering the weekend. Breast items were fully adequate to plentiful and heavily discounted to stimulate interest. Dark meat was readily available, and wings were sufficient and moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

<u>PRELIMINARY REPORT</u> Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of readyto-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 24-SEP-2007 (cents per lb)

US Grade A

(Including branded product)

Areas	<u>Majority</u>	<u> </u>	Wtd Avg	Loads
Delivered to F	irst Receivers			
Chicago	65.00-68.00	42.00-84.50	68.73	26
New York	73.00-76.00			
Los Angeles	88.00			
Southeast A	rea FOB Dock	Equivalent		
Mississippi	78.00-82.00	50.00-87.00	80.89	86

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was weak. Demand entering the weekend was slow to fair with limited trading, mostly for regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were fully adequate to ample and discounted to help clear additional product. In the parts structure, demand was fair at best for end of the week trading. Breast items were at least adequate to plentiful and heavily discounted. Wings were sufficient and moving satisfactorily, and dark meat was available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **81.50** cents based on icepacked USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	WTD AVG
928	76.00 - 83.00	81.04
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GA f.o.b. dock confirmed PRELIMINARY WTD AVG price on ice-packed parts:

	WTD AV	G VOLUME	
ITEM (C	CENTS PER POUND	D) (000) POUNDS)	
LINE RUN TEND	DERS 196.5	50 1,199	
BREASTS - B/S		5,008	
BREASTS - WHO	OLE 106.5	50 1,114	
THIGH MEAT - E	3/S 111.5	50 1,011	
LEG QUARTERS	S 47.0	7,694	
WINGS	129.5	50 2,435	

This information is supplied by the GA Dept of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION Preliminary majority delivered prices into the Chicago market were lower. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was weak. Offerings were ample and slow to clear; fill-in prices on wogs noted at 53 cents delivered. Retail demand was quiet with slow to moderate demand reported. Food service activity varied; slow to light into restaurants, light to moderate for catering and moderate to good into fast food. Floor stocks were more than adequate overall; weights desirable to heavy. Parts trade was slow. Supplies were fully available with breast items ample. The trade sentiment was weak on breast cuts; and steady to barely steady on the balance of parts.

WESTERN REGION Preliminary majority prices were lower throughout the region. Limited trading reported for next week's delivery and at mainly lower prices. Offerings remained in an ample position for immediate needs. Steep discounts offered in hopes of stimulating interest. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was moderate overall. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. The market was weak on breasts, with balance of parts about steady.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was slow to fair at best entering the weekend with most dealers' keeping floor stocks in close balance with immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were readily available and discounted in some instances. Retail and distributive movement was light. Fast food interest was fair to moderate. The market tone was weak. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were plentiful with limited movement. Wings were adequate and dark meat cuts were at least adequate for current needs.

<u>DELMARVA</u> Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to at times moderate entering the weekend. Seller offerings were closely balanced to fully adequate and competitively priced in some areas. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were one cent lower at 75 to 89 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, wings were adequate and continued to move satisfactorily. B/S breast items were fully adequate to ample and discounted to stimulate interest. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient to available for current trade needs.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DEILVEERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FORM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE		75-92
WEIGHTED AVER	(A)	
NO. OF BOXES		(A)
CUMULATIVE	09/17/07-09/21/07	(A)
	09/18/06-09/22/06	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	09/17/07-09/21/07	(A)
	09/18/06-09/22/06	(A)
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(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVA-LENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

Sep 20, 2007	LBS			WTD	LBS				•	1, 2007 EKLY
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	TOO	FEW TO REF	PORT		TOC	FEW TO REPOR	T.		3,185	138.04
TENDERLOINS	TOO	FEW TO REF	PORT		TOC	FEW TO REPOR	T		949	132.81
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO	FEW TO REF	PORT		TOC	FEW TO REPOR	T.		522	89.39
FRONT HALVES	TOO	FEW TO REF	PORT		TOC	FEW TO REPOR	T		275	73.75
LEGS	168	49.00-64.00	53-54	53.05	TOC	FEW TO REPOR	T.		1,036	54.14
LEG QUARTERS (BULK) 498 3	37.00-49.00	40-41	40.24	555	36.00-46.00	40-41	39.69	2,623	40.32
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	864	40.00-49.00	43-44	43.44	885	39.00-49.00	43-44	43.49	4,127	43.48
WINGS (WHOLE)	239 11	0.00-130.00	-	116.19	270	112.00-130.00	-	118.96	1,339	119.18
WINGS (CUT)	150 12	8.00-141.00	-	136.57	TOC	FEW TO REPOR	T.		650	136.49
DRUMSTICKS	TOO	FEW TO REF	PORT		TOC	FEW TO REPOR	T		325	54.71
THIGHS	TOO	FEW TO REF	PORT		TOC	FEW TO REPOR	T.		92	49.39
B/S THIGHS	TOC	FEW TO REF	PORT		TOO	FEW TO REPOR	:T		352	100.84

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR Sep 20, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S AVERAGE RANGE 53.00 - 63.00

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR Sep 21, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S AVERAGE 5-DAY AVERAGE RANGE 45.50 - 62.50 52 60 56.93

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was mostly light to no better than fair at best entering the weekend as most dealers worked hand-to-mouth and saw no need to extend floorstocks beyond regular commitments. Supplies of breast items and tenders were readily available and often discounted to stimulate additional buyer interest. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient for current needs and wings were adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was weak for breast items and tenders. The balance of items were mostly steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND. Sep 21, 2007 Sen 20, 2007

3ep 20, 2007								3ep 21, 2001
•	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL	CURRENT NEG	WTD		WEEKLY	WEEKLY
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150	152.33	655,042	145-150	144.44	578,250	153.56	2,683,736
TENDERLOINS	140	146.74	101,120	l 135-140	143.52	103,840	148.62	546,410
BREAST - WITH RIBS	95-96	101.88	111,720	93-94	101.21	71,960	103.12	420,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	95	94.60	86,400	93	93.57	113,400	96.75	478,800
LEGS	61-62	65.97	80,000	61-62	65.25	101,080	64.84	473,079
LEG QUARTERS (BULK) 44-45	46.33	196,320	44-45	46.67	207,000	46.52	1,125,327
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	64.83	81,596	64-65	66.05	86,560	62.29	491,124
THIGHS	53-54	61.90	62,140	53-54	62.09	55,590	61.77	304,850
B/S THIGHS	110-111	112.93	56,680	110-111	110.57	89,560	113.02	299,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	128-129	135.41	123,720	128-129	132.63	133,160	131.81	685,496
BACKS AND NECKS (ST	TRIPPED) 10-12	11.01	13,400	10-12	11.07	15,200	11.10	84,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUB	S) 35-40	37.80	10,920	35-40	38.89	11,040	37.96	40,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.94	13,640	70-75	75.28	16,760	74.76	77,760

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

^{**} WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS								
E	ESTIMATED			ACTUAL AVG		WTS	ACTUAL	AVG
	(1,000)		(1,000))			(1,000)	WTS
	09/21	09/20	09/19	09/18	09/19	09/18	09/14	09/12
Alabama	4,508	4,124	4,132	4,083	5.50	5.57	4,453	5.57
Arkansas	5,121	5,136	5,395	5,379	5.35	5.45	5,474	5.35
Delmarva	2,422	2,252	2,253	2,254	5.99	6.03	2,209	5.76
KY-LA-TN	2,411	2,458	2,425	2,416	5.12	5.22	2,351	4.98
Mississippi	3,117	3,134	2,937	3,153	5.72	5.61	3,250	5.62
North Carolin	a 3,143	2,916	2,884	2,859	6.92	6.95	3,247	6.93
Texas	2,596	2,591	2,469	2,563	5.39	5.40	2,745	5.29
Total	23,318	22,611	22,495	22,707	5.67	5.71	23,729	5.62
Mon-Fri	114,242(A)					113,204(A	١)
Saturday 1,465(included in total for date shown)						1,337		
Weekly cumu	lative for	states li	sted abo	ve.				

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Sep-07 and 22-Sep-07 is estimated to be 34,886,000 head down 2.03 percent from a week ago and up 5.03 percent from a year ago. (Last week 35,608,000, last year 33,214,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 22-Sep-07 is estimated to be 170,521,000 head up 1.30 percent from a week ago, and up 2.88 percent from a year ago. (Last week 168,326,000, last year 165,750,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)	PROCESSED
POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILER	S

RANGE FRESH FRYERS 92-102 109-118 **ROASTERS 4# & UP** HENS UNDER 5# HENS OVER 5# 70-79

DUCKS RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

DELIVERED TO RESTAURAN	<u>II S AND INS II</u>	TUTION
BROILER/FRYER 2# & OVER	ICE PACK	126
	DRY PACK	130
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	145
	DRY PACK	125
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	109
	DRY PACK	124
DUCKS	19	9-204

136-146

138-148

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

To date/2006 1,722,979 2,939,836

W/E 15-Sep-07 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary) ----Thousands----Α В C D 4.25 lbs 4.26 -6.26 -7.76 lbs & down 6.25 lbs 7.75 lbs & up Total 41,231 84,820 32.484 9,791 168,326 Head Avg Live Wgt 3.84 5.35 7.08 8.25 5.48 % of total /1 25% 50% 19% 6% 100% Comparisons Last week 39,946 75,247 27,239 7,064 149,496 Avg Live Wgt 3.75 5.39 7.05 8.19 5.39 % of total /1 27% 50% 18% 5% 100% 91,524 24,754 166,512 39,683 10,551 Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt 3.90 5.39 7.04 8.15 5.45 % of total /1 24% 55% 15% 100% 6% 2,984,144 To date/2007 1.602.040 957.696 398.531 5.942.411

/1May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week. Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.

845.412

458,496

5,966,723

- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY)	TOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVI	IOTAL	
W/E 15-SEP-2007	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	DUCKS
	7	THOUSAN	NDS		•
Head	168,326	947	1,551	2,498	465
Avg Wt	5.48	3.35	7.91	6.18	6.76
Last week	149,496	795	1,119	1,914	460
Same wk yr ago	166,512	970	1,542	2,512	546
Avg Wt	5.45	3.36	8.14	6.29	6.73
To-date/2007	5,942,411	40,798	53,547	94,345	18,549
To-date/2006	5,966,723	40,564	54,789	95,353	18,625
(A) The estimated	aumhar of fru	ara availa	hla far mar	kating had	and an

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 168.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 170.4 million head, or 2.0 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYFR AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

LKIE	RTER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON									
		MILLIO	N HEAD							
WEEK	ENDING	SLTRD	AVAIL	PCT	AVG WT					
Aug	11	167.4	170.5	98%	5.31					
	18	167.7	169.5	99%	5.40					
	25	168.8	168.9	100%	5.30					
Sept	1	173.6	165.9	105%	5.37					
	8	151.3	164.8	92%	5.39					
	15	170.4	168.4	101%	5.48					
Year to	o date	6014.4	6101.0	99%						
Sept	22		169.1							
•	29		168.1							

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal inspection

Thousands							
W/E	09/22/07	09/15/07	%CHG	09/23/06	%CHG		
Broilers	170,521	168,326 *	+1.30	165,750 *	+2.88		
Cattle	645	643	0	658*	-02		
Hogs *Actual	2,242	2,226	+01	2,140 *	+05		

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

For delivery the week of SEP 17, 2007

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED FIRST BY RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN FROZEN FRESH LONG ISLAND 159-163 163-167 **MOSTLY**

MOSTLY **PRICES** NEGOTIATED BY **FIRST ROASTERS:**

US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 RECEIVERS, POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND **RANGE** MOSTI Y

ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) 71.00-82.25 75.00-81.00 VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) 71.00-86.00 78.00-86.00 SQUABS:

NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ. 62.64-85.05 14 OZ. 69.12-96.39 16 OZ. 74.88-106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

MIDWEST

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fairly good. Supplies were adequate. Schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40. gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.60-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.55-.90.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 17-SEP-2007

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	122-146	130-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -

DATE OF AUCTION: SEP 18, 2007 PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

**AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT	OF STATE	РО	ULTRY*	*		
	R	ΑN	GE			
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.25	-	1.30			
Doves	3.70	-	5.10	ea.		
Pekin Ducks		-	2.00	ea.		
Red Fowl 4-6 LBS	.45	-	.50			
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.70	-	.90			
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50	-	.60			
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.70	-	.90			
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.50	-	.70			
Guinea Fowl	8.00	-	9.00	ea.		
Banty Roosters	2.00	-	2.75	ea.		
Banty Hens	1.25	-	1.75	ea.		
Silkies	1.50	-	2.00	ea.		
Geese 9-14 LBS	.20	-	.30			
Pigeons	1.75	-	2.00	ea.		
White Pigeons	2.00	-	2.25	ea.		
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.40	-	1.50			
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.35	-	1.50			
Bunnies	1.25	-	4.50	ea.		
Guinea Pigs	1.00	-	4.50	ea.		
Goats	22.00	-	40.00	ea.		
Kid Goats	21.00	-	25.00	ea.		
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.25	-	1.30			
Total Coops Sold 432						

LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-SEPTEMBER-2007

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading on heavy fowl was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings from primary users. Finished sales were showing signs of seasonal improvement. Schedules were reduced to normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

> RANGE **MAJORITY**

TOO FEW TO REPORT AT FARM BUYER LOADING

SOUTHEAST Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to moderate at best for the at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were normal. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was generally steady.

AT FARM BUYER LOADING AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING

FOB PLANT

RANGE **MAJORITY** TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading for heavy canners were too few to report; generally unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Supplies of both light and heavy canners were adequate to at least adequate for current needs with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was mostly fair to moderate. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was generally steady.

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Without Freight Cost

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS** (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS) 23-30 MAJORITY 26-27 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Freight Cost Included

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS** (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

24-32.5 MAJORITY 29-30 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE LIGHT-TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD. GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was mostly moderate for the adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

RANGE **MAJORITY** REMOVAL COST 3-12 6-8

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was limited on fully adequate supplies of spent leghorn fowl. Demand was selective and measured. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair at best. Costs of disposal were expected to remain constant.

> RANGE **MAJORITY**

REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL Prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate to ample with demand moderate to fairly good. Trade sentiment steady.

MAJORITY RANGE REMOVAL COST 0 - 90 - 4.5

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